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TO LOOK AFTER THE PACKERS

Agricultural Department Preparing to Operate Under Meat Inspection Law

Secretary Wilson Will Forego His Annual Vacation in Order to See That the New Law for Regulation of Packing Houses is Put in Operation.

Washington.—Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture has decided not to enter upon his annual vacation until he has completed the organization necessary to put into operation the new meat inspection law. He will give practically his entire time to this work for the next two months. The new pure food law also will require attention, but he intends to leave this almost wholly to Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry.

Mr. Wilson has issued a statement in which he declares American livestock are the healthiest in the world, and says:

"With this law in operation, it may be accepted as a fact that for healthfulness and purity the prepared or canned product will compare favorably with the fresh meat of the United States, which is, and always has been, the finest in the world."

"The new law is comprehensive, the means for its enforcement are ample and its execution will be thorough. People at home and abroad may use our meats in confidence."

CANAL BONDS OFFERED.

Interest is 2 Per Cent and Issue Will be Payable in 30 Years.

Washington.—Secretary Shaw on Monday offered the public \$30,000,000 bonds of the Panama canal loan, authorized by the recent act of congress. The bonds will bear interest at the rate of 2 per cent, will be dated August 1, 1906, and interest will be payable quarterly. They will be redeemable at the pleasure of the government at the end of ten years, and will be payable thirty years from date.

The bonds will be exempt from taxes or duties of the United States, and will be available to national banks as security for circulation. The bonds will not be sold for less than par. All citizens will have equal opportunity to subscribe for them, and the bids must be submitted to the department on or before July 26, 1906.

APPEAL IS TAKEN.

Defendants in Rebate Cases Are Not Satisfied.

Kansas City.—The final steps in the United States district court here in the rebate cases were taken Monday when appeal bonds were perfected, and when bills of exception were filed for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway company and George L. Thomas, the New York broker, and his chief clerk, L. B. Taggart. Bill of exception had previously been presented in the cases of the Armour, Swift, Cudahy and Nelson Morris packing companies. The next step will be the filing of bills of exceptions with the court of appeals, which will be done at St. Louis on August 21.

Denver People Have No Rights.

Denver.—By a decision of the state supreme court, District Judge John I. Mullins of the criminal court is prohibited from appointing jurors to draw a special grand jury to investigate alleged frauds at the city election on May 15 last, and a special prosecutor to conduct such an investigation. The supreme court held that Judge Mullins had no cause for removal of District Attorney George Stidger and Sheriff Nesbett, who, it was alleged by the Honest Elections league, was unfitted to conduct the investigation, as they were interested parties.

Bloody Tragedy in Mississippi.

Lucedale, Miss.—Charles Brewer shot and killed his wife and his mother-in-law, wounded his wife's grandmother and his infant child and then shot and killed himself. Brewer's wife left her home a few days ago, alleging that he was treating her badly. She went to her mother's home, where Brewer called and entreated her to return to him. He became angry when his wife refused to leave her mother's house, and, drawing a revolver, began shooting.

ISLANDS BELONG TO THE UNITED STATES

Senator Dick of Ohio Introduces Resolution Regarding the Ownership of the Isle of Pines.

Washington.—A joint resolution providing a temporary government for the Isle of Pines was introduced in the senate on Friday by Senator Dick. The presentation of the bill created immediate interest and at the request of Senator Morgan it was read and referred to the committee on Pacific Islands and Porto Rico. It applies the canal zone government to the island and in addition declares a policy with reference to it. It is as follows:

"That until it shall be otherwise provided by the act of congress or by treaty with Cuba, the government of the Isle of Pines rightfully belongs to the United States of America."

"That until congress shall otherwise provide by law all the military, civil and judicial powers, as well as the power to make all rules and regulations necessary for the government of the Isle of Pines shall be vested in such person or persons and shall be exercised in such manner as the president shall direct for the government of the said Isle of Pines and maintaining and protecting the inhabitants thereof in the free enjoyment of their liberty, property and religion."

THE FINISH OF CASTRO.

Uncle Sam Will Back Claims of Americans Against Venezuela.

Washington.—Shortly after General Cipriano Castro resumes the presidency of Venezuela on July 5 he will find himself confronted by requests from the United States for the settlement of American claims against his government. For more than a year Castro has not been bothered by the United States. Meantime Judge W. J. Calhoun visited Venezuela and investigated the American claims, and the state department has been busily engaged in reviewing the cases and putting them in condition to be pressed. What seemed to be indifference on the part of the United States has been only caution, and the state department will take up its work where it is allowed to rest after the sending of a note to Castro by Secretary of State Hay, which was practically an ultimatum.

FIREMEN BADLY SCORCHED.

Cowardly Men on the Ground Left Their Posts.

East St. Louis, Ill.—Four firemen, hoisted in an electric crane twenty feet above five enormous furnaces at the American Foundry company's plant, fighting a fire on the roof, were left stranded half an hour because the men operating the crane became frightened and left their post. The heat from the furnaces and burning roof became almost unbearable, and for half an hour the firemen pleaded to be let down. At last Fireman Mike Sullivan, in desperation, jumped to the ground between the seething furnaces, threw a rope to his comrades and they descended, badly blistered.

Will Give Battle to Company Which Has Enjoyed Monopoly for Forty Years.

San Francisco.—The Bulletin says: The Standard Oil company is preparing to invade the local water field and give battle to the Spring Valley Water company, which has enjoyed a monopoly in San Francisco for more than forty years. The Rockefeller concern is believed to be the purchaser of the Blue Lakes and Sierra Nevada Water & Power company, and the price agreed upon is said to be \$5,000,000.

TORNADO STRIKES CIRCUS.

Tents Blown Down and Two People Are Killed.

Chicago.—Two persons were killed and several injured at Aurora on Friday, when an enormous tent at Ringling Bros' circus was blown down during a severe wind and thunder storm. A panic followed, in which scores narrowly escaped being trampled to death.

Eighteen elephants performing in the arena at the time were prevented from stampeding by the prompt action of their keepers.

Both Mortally Wounded.

Columbia, S. C.—Word has been received from Orangeburg that J. T. Parks, auditing clerk of the state dispensary, and R. H. Covar, business manager of the Orange Patriot, were mortally wounded there in a street duel. Both men were shot through the body. Parks formerly owned the Patriot and sold it to Covar. The shooting is the result of trouble over the settlement. Parks is secretary of the state Democratic executive committee, and is a native of Edgefield county.

MANY KILLED AND INJURED

Terrible Catastrophe Caused by Train Jumping Track in England.

Accident Occurred on a Sharp Curve, and Twenty-three People Are Killed and Many Injured, the Victims Being Passengers From America.

Salisbury, England.—Driving at a mad pace over the London Southwestern railway, the American line express, carrying forty-three of the steamer New York's passengers from Plymouth to London, plunged from the track just after passing the station here at 1:50 o'clock Sunday morning and mangled to death in its wreckage twenty-three passengers who sailed from New York June 23, and four of the trainmen. Besides those to whom death came speedily a dozen persons were injured, some of them seriously.

The late hour of the New York's arrival at Plymouth saved many lives. She carried more than sixty travelers for London, but many of them elected to travel on comfortably to Southampton in preference to the late landing at Plymouth and the long night ride across the country.

If the New York had made a faster passage the somber roster of the dead and injured would have been longer.

The surviving passengers and trainmen describe the sound of the wreck as like the discharge of a series of heavy guns of varied caliber, and when the crashing of the wreck was past there came calls of the injured, some shrieking with pain and fear and others moaning as if bewildered by the shock.

Relief came quickly, although it was an hour before the last body was dragged from the wreck.

PLEADS GUILTY.

Admiral Rojestvensky Admits That He Took No Measures to Prevent Surrender.

St. Petersburg.—The depositions of various officers and sailors of the torpedo boat destroyer Bedovy, forming the documents in the courtmartial of Admiral Rojestvensky and other naval officials who surrendered to the Japanese in the battle of the Sea of Japan in May of last year, are published. The sailors' testimony indicates that the admiral's party boarded the Bedovy with the full intention of surrendering to the first Japanese ship they should encounter. Their initial act was to order a white flag prepared. The officers of the staff of Admiral Rojestvensky and the commander of the Bedovy made a pitiable exhibition in trying to shift the responsibility for the surrender on each other. Admiral Rojestvensky, though he says he was dazed and out of his head all the time, enters a manly plea of guilty because he took no measures to prevent the surrender.

LARGE APPROPRIATIONS

Congress Orders Expenditure of Over \$800,000,000.

Washington.—Chairman Tawney of the house appropriations committee made the following statement as to the appropriations for the fiscal year 1907: "The total appropriations made at this session of congress, including those carried in the regular appropriation accounts, all deficiencies, miscellaneous matters and permanent annual appropriations, aggregating \$880,183,301."

"This is an apparent increase of \$60,000,000 over the appropriations made at the last session of congress."

"This is more than accounted for in the three following items: "For the isthmian canal, \$42,447,000; under the statehood bill, \$10,250,000; toward the construction of new buildings authorized at this session, \$10,321,000, making a total of \$63,018,000, to which might properly be added \$5,000,000 for San Francisco."

Negro Fiend Is Put to Death by Indian Territory Mob.

Chickasha, I. T.—A negro who committed a criminal assault upon the 16-year-old daughter of Ira Robertson, near Womack, was captured Saturday night, and after being taken back to the scene of his crime, was hanged and burned near the spot where he committed the crime. He confessed his crime and offered no resistance to the mob. To one person the negro gave his name as Cliff Mays of Marshall, Tex., and he told another that he was Will Newbright of San Antonio. By the time the negro was overtaken near Bradley fully 400 men had joined in the chase, and soon after the capture the march to Womack began.

FINAL SESSION OF THE FIFTY-NINTH CONGRESS

Session Passed Into History at 10 O'Clock Saturday Night, No Important Business Being Transacted on Closing Day.

Washington.—Promptly at 10 o'clock Saturday night Vice President Fairbanks in the senate and Speaker Cannon in the house declared the final adjournment of the first session of the Fifty-ninth congress.

The closing in the senate was formal and without interests. In the house there were the usual serious performances, amusing speeches and songs during the long waits, and the members made the best of the hottest day of the session.

No business of importance aside from completing the pending legislation was transacted in either house during the day.

The work accomplished by the session is told by Speaker Cannon, who said:

"In my judgment the work done and the legislation enacted in the session closed exceeds in importance, for the best interests of the people, the work of any session during my thirty years of public life."

"I have not time to make a complete review of all the legislation. Sufficient to say that the legislation covering the appropriations and the authorizing of public expenditures has been most carefully considered and wisely enacted. The legislation commonly referred to as the rate legislation, the pure food bill, the inspection feature of the agricultural bill, are measures that affect the interests of all the people, and while nothing perfect can be enacted, I am satisfied that the operation of these laws will demonstrate their wisdom."

"And I believe if nothing else had been accomplished than the enactment of these three measures, they alone would be sufficient to make the first session of the Fifty-ninth congress memorable in the history of the republic."

WILL NOT MAKE THE RACE.

President Roosevelt Again Declares He Will Not Be a Candidate.

Colorado Springs, Colo.—W. A. Conant of this city, who was a delegate from New York to the first national Republican convention more than fifty years ago, recently wrote a letter to President Roosevelt asking if he intended being a candidate for the presidency at the expiration of his present term.

Mr. Conant has just received the following reply:

"White House, Washington, June 21, 1906."

"My Dear Mr. Conant—The president thanks you for your letter of the 17th inst., and cordially appreciates your kind expressions concerning himself. He says, however, that you will have to vote for some other Republican candidate next time."

"Conveying to you the president's best wishes, I am, sincerely yours, "WILLIAM LOEB, JR., "Secretary to the President."

MAKES GOOD SHOWING.

This Is Claim of Secretary Shaw as to Fiscal Statement.

Washington.—Secretary Shaw has issued the following comparison with this and the previous fiscal year:

"The deficit last year was \$24,000,000 in round numbers. This included \$6,000,000 extraordinary expenses on the Panama canal. The actual deficiency on ordinary expenses was, therefore, in round numbers \$18,000,000. "This year the surplus is \$25,500,000 and in addition there has been paid on the Panama canal \$18,000,000."

Lived With Broken Neck.

New York.—Fred Knox broke his neck and fractured his skull forty-six years ago. On Sunday it was announced that he died Thursday at his home here in his 91st year. A heavy cornice fell on Knox one day in the summer of 1860, while he was passing a building in course of erection at Ninth avenue and Twenty-sixth street. His neck was broken and his skull was fractured. After spending two years in a hospital, Knox was released as cured and has since pursued his daily avocation.

Poured Liquor Into Gutter.

Canon City, Colo.—City officials, assisted by a number of church people, made a raid Sunday on the Canon City Labor club, where liquor selling is said to have been going on, arrested the proprietor after a hard fight and spilled the stock of liquor into the gutter of the street. Throgs on their way to church witnessed the raid, and as the whisky, beer and wine filled the gutters, sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." The temperance element has control of the city council.